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I decided to call Chris from a conference room with David present, but Chris didn't answer the phone. Here's what I plan to say - please edit the talking points, if necessary. I think I captured what we discussed...

David and I will be place the call together.

- We are sorry we can't offer TASC services to the SSFL community at this time.
- TASC resources are limited so EPA tries to use TASC where we feel it will offer the most to the whole community.
- Our decision to not offer it at SSFL, was based in the the fact that there doesn't seem to be unity within the community on the need or the focus of the TASC services for the SSFL community. At some sites, EPA might offer TASC to a portion of the community who have expressed interest and offer the information to the whole. However, in the case of SSFL, my understanding from talking to staff present at the TASC needs assessment meetings, was that the portion of the community that felt conflicted about the use of TASC also felt strongly that if it were offered, it should be available to the whole community (not just the information, but the forum). The way to allow for this was the focus of a portion of the Needs Assessment meeting, but did not lead to viable solutions. Therefore, since EPA could not figure out a format to make TASC available to everyone, we decided that it is not the best time to offer TASC at SSFL.
- One way I could imagine TASC to be offered at SSFL, for example, would be through a CAG. If the community formed at CAG (through the lead agency, DTSC) then, since the CAG provides a democratic forum to discuss and vote on TASC uses, we would feel much more confident that TASC would serve the community in a democratic manner.
- In the meantime, EPA PRMs are dedicated to providing radiologic expertise and information (in the form of EPA staff) by attending community meetings such as the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee meetings.

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